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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Method and System for Providing Document Retention Using  
Cryptography**  
Inventor: Satyajit NATH  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action is an Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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